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ATTACHMENT

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OX CART MISSION DATA

Mission BSX003

Date Scheduled: 10 June 1967

Date Flown: 10 June 1967

Mission Completed as Planned: Yes

Mission Abort:

Ground: N/A

Air: N/A

Mission Cancellation: N/A

Reason: _____

Mission Recalled: N/A

Reason: _____

Precautionary Landing: N/A

Reason: _____

Air Defense Reaction: None

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[Redacted Box]

Remarks: Spare aircraft utilized.

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GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BSX003

1. Subject mission was critiqued 15 June 1967.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BSX003
- b. Date Flown: 10 June 1967
- c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
- d. Mission Success: Successful
- e. Pilot Name:
- f. Aircraft Number: 131
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Spare
- h. Take-off Time: Planned: 10 June 67/0200Z
Actual: 10 June 67/0249Z
- i. Landing Time: Planned: 10 June 67/0723Z
Actual: 10 June 67/0717Z
- j. Time Enroute: Planned: 5+23
Actual: 4+28
- k. Departure Base: Kadena
- l. Landing Base: Kadena
- m. Equipment:

3. Operations: Due to loss of fairing on primary A/C detected during first refueling, Spare A/C was launched against second window timing.

- a. Route(INS Plot Vs Planned): Canned route BSC010. First pass flown as briefed. Increased fuel consumption and rendezvous equip problems caused pilot to cancel second pass and return Kadena.

(1) INS Terminal Error: 6.6 NM

(2) INS Spec Error: 12.0 NM

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b. Mission Generation: Satisfactory for both primary and spare take-offs.

c. Tanker Support and Operational Support: Satisfactory

d. Other Comments: Due INOP RDZ equip and low fuel reserves pilot elected to descend to [redacted] area to establish contact with tankers. Article unloaded fuel and proceeded with tankers to [redacted] A/R track. Fuel consumption on climbout from A/R was higher than normal due excessive amount fuel used during ACCEL maneuver to become supersonic. Actual temperatures, at altitudes, were higher than standard.

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4. Weather:

a. Forecast Vs Actual: Actual wx better than forecast due to transparency of cirrus.

b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory

5. Intelligence: The second mission gave us a good data base on order of battle information on SA-2 & aircraft. Hanoi was clear but Haiphong was obscured by clouds and haze.

a. Target Coverage, Actual Vs Planned: There were 16 out of 22 programmed Comor targets covered. There were 97 SA-2 sites photographed, of which four were newly identified. Thirteen first priority targets were covered in North Vietnam.

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b. Quality of Take: Quality of photography good. At

25X1D NADIR, ground resolutions

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There was some image smearing, this was due to excessive vehicle roll and pitch rates.

Negatives were under exposed about one full stop.

c. Hostile Reaction: None

d. Significant Findings: There was no evidence of offensive surface to surface missile equipment or facilities observed.

18 SA-2 sites were occupied.

e. Take Movement:

(1) Camera: Satisfactory

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6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General:

(1) Right rudder indicator oscillated (rudder O.K.)

(2) Fuel consumption higher than normal.

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(3) ARC-50 Ext ADF unreliable.

(4) A/A TACAN unreliable.

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7. Communications:

- a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory

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8. Significant Actions Taken:

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- a. Initiated action to establish as additional missed A/R base.
- b. Implemented accident/incident reporting instructions.

9. Outstanding Actions Required:

- a. Identify/clear/brief contacts 25X1A
- b. Provide minimum recovery kits 25X1A
- c. Establish procedures for forwarding revised exposure

settings to field. (OXC Ops/SSD)

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